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Council Studies Utilities Problem

Twenty-Nine Grade 12 Students Attend 'Varsity Guest Weekend

Lac la Biche was well represented at Varsity Guest Weekend this year by some 29 grade 12 students who, accompanied by high school teachers, N. Chodan and R. Tessolin left town about 2:30 p.m. Friday, and made the trip in John Benuik's school bus.

The other high school teachers, F. McMillan, principal; H. Senetza, vice-principal; Mrs. P. Hayduk and Mrs. J. Cunningham went in by car Mrs. McMillan accompanied her husband.

The students went in groups on a tour of the campus and the various faculty displays. They saw former la Biche students working on some of the displays. Among these were Marilyn McMillan and Carol Stewart in the Pharmacy dispensories. The students also renewed acquaintance with a number of former students attending Varsity, among them being Morris Linnell, Barry Meardi, Julius Oucher and Hugh, Tommy and Johnnie Maccagno.

Many of the students and staff attended the studio production "The Merchant of Venice", which was well done.

The students and staff had accommodations at the Edmonton Auto Court. As is the custom, all expenses were paid out of funds raised by the Students' Union at their annual Mardi Gras.

In former years, some grade XI students had been allowed to go, to make up the allotted number, but this year, as the grade XII class is larger than usual, none from the other grades made the trip.

They returned Sunday afternoon in time to allow three of the students, Jimmie Stewart, Arnold Michetti and Gordon McCormick, to take part in the hockey game with Vilna.

Finance Fight Involves Everyone

Such things as unemployment and tight money have made all Canadians money conscious. The subject of monetary reform has long been uppermost in the minds of Albertans. Now the arguments have left this province and the local political arena, and are heard loudly in business and financial circles. Why doesn't the Progressive Conservative government call Bank of Canada head James Coyne into Parliament to account for his money policies? Read what Michael Best, Toronto Star editorial writer has to say in this issue of Alberta Country Life.

ABC Roster Lists 29 Alberta Weekly Papers

The recently released 1961 membership roster of the Audit Bureau of Circulations shows 29 Alberta weekly newspapers as members. Ten of this number belonging to Sun Publishing Co. Ltd.

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Gail Karpetz Is Carnival Queen

ATMORE — Gail Karpetz, district candidate for carnival queen at the Plamondon Ice Carnival held recently, was crowned queen.

She was followed up by Phyllis Cadeaux of Plamondon, Doris Gauthier of Plamondon and Jeanette Strapki of Wandering River.

The raffle prize, a portable record player, was won by Bob Piquette of Plamondon.

All this talk about what youngsters are doing is silly, especially to the adults who recall what they did when children.

MIKE MACCAGNO

Maccagno Widely Quoted In Papers All-Over Alberta

Lac la Biche is getting province - wide publicity these days. Mike Maccagno, Liberal MLA for the Lac la Biche constituency, is not averse to bragging up the town or singing the praises of its tourist potential, or urging the government to improve its roads or permanently lower the lake level.

Inside this issue, you'll find stories from the Edmonton Journal, the Calgary Herald and Calgary Albertan, quoting Mr. Maccagno on a wide range of matters of vital interest to members of the largest constituency in the province of Alberta.

Lac la Biche

Mrs. M. Maccagno is a patient in the General Hospital, Edmonton. Latest report is that her condition is much improved.

Miss Malvina Tostyniuk of Grassland has joined the staff of the department of lands and forests as stenographer, in the Lac la Biche office.

Marshall Hamar who was in the General Hospital, Edmonton, has returned home, much improved in health.

Zaluzny Rink Wins Chief's Event In Volunteer Firemen's Bonspiel

The Lac la Biche volunteer firemen held their first bonspiel March 4 and 5.

Eight rinks took part in the two events, the Chief's and the False Alarms.

A rink skipped by John Zaluzny won the Chief's event with Williams rink second.

In the False Alarm event, a rink skipped by Dr. Bouvier won first and the Mackriss rink was second.

The first draw was made at 7:00 p.m. Saturday night and the second at 9:00. Later the curlers adjourned to the fire hall where the wives of the curlers served coffee and lunch.

The draws on Sunday were at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. All curlers who were not in the winning events were presented with small curling rocks. Approximately half of the firemen had never curled before but according to reports they are enthusiastic over the game.

Secretary Requested To Prepare Proposal For Shorter Extension

LAC LA BICHE — The regular council meeting was attended by Councillors McMillan, Tkachuk, Bouvier and Shanks, as well as the secretary-treasurer. In the absence of the mayor who is attending the current session of the Provincial Legislature, Councillor F. W. McMillan presided at the meeting.

The matter of water and sewer extensions to the south side of town was again on the agenda and it appeared that the plans would have to be modified to some extent since a number of ratepayers in the area were reluctant to join the scheme. The secretary was asked to prepare a new proposal which would involve a shorter extension than that originally planned. The town's consulting engineers are to work out a new plan.

The question of purchasing dishes for the Memorial Hall came up for discussion and it was felt that a larger attendance of council should be present before a decision is made, as estimates for the required dishes were in excess of $700.

A motion was passed to the effect that the regulations authorizing the town to discontinue service to natural gas customers in arrears should be carried out.

Gas system accounts amounting to $89 and general accounts amounting to $3,653.76 were passed for payment.

Mrs. Blough Seeks Wandering Books

LAC LA BICHE — Several books, cherished as keepsakes by Mrs. E. C. Blough, who was Mrs. Oscar Letourneau by a former marriage, have been lost or misplaced. Mrs. Blough is very anxious to recover these books and will gladly pay for their return. They include "Wild Flowers of North America," author unknown; this copy bears her maiden name, Carrie Fox.

Also "The Eyes of the World", "The Calling of Dan Mathews", Harold Bell Wright and "Hiawatha Primer", a grade 1 reader.

Also a book on the Americans landing by paratroop in Alaska at the start of World War I. This book was a special edition put in the hands of the American troops and was not on sale in book stores.

Anyone having any information concerning these books, kindly contact Mrs. Bough or Mrs. M. Creighton, Lac la Biche.

Caslan

Mrs. Alex Cherniwchan and Douglas Cherniwchan were both patients in the Lac la Biche hospital.

Interested members of the Caslan local group of the Home and School Association attended a meeting at Thorhild Saturday of last week.

Donald Cadwell, young son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cadwell, was taken to an Edmonton hospital for medical attention. Mrs. Cadwell spent a few days in the city.

Patricia Trenchie was in Edmonton to visit her mother, Mrs. P. Kotch. Other visitors to the city included Mrs. S. Cislo, Peter Krawchuk, Lorne Johnson, William Gushtay and Howard Cadwell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Henson received word of the arrival of a new grandson, Steven Mervin, born to Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Henson at Courtenay, B.C.

Maccagno In The Alberta Legislature

Here are some of the headline stories that Lac la Biche Liberal MLA Mike Maccagno share in this week and last in the Alberta legislature. Read them inside.

- **Maccagno Fears Municipalities Will Pay Brunt of Tax Plan.**
- **Questions New Tax Structure.**
- **Thanks Govt. For Help When Lake Flooded.**
- **Calls 7½% For Utilities' Companies Too High.**
- **Raps Educational Plan.**

Liberal Asks Certain Amount Crude Be Sold

Mike Maccagno, Liberal MLA from Lac la Biche, had something to say in connection with the motion supporting the federal government's new oil policies which was passed in the Alberta Legisfure. The original motion was amended to censure Ottawa for its belated action and failure to develop a well-defined national oil policy.

Conservative Ernest Watkins of Calgary introduced the motion which called for support of the production targets established by Ottawa. Liberal Mike Maccagno added the word "belated" and Social Crediter E. G. Hansell of Okotoks-High River amended the motion to criticize the Ottawa government for failing to develop and enunciate a well defined national oil policy to ensure a continuous, healthy condition for the industry.

Maccagno suggested that the Alberta government specify in its oil leases that a reasonable amount of crude from Alberta must be marketed or the lease would be cancelled.

Premier Manning rejected the idea because he said it would destroy the province's pro-rating system of production and the small independent companies, engaged solely in exploration and development, would be forced out of business by the international integrated companies which control refining capacity.

Maccagno's argument was that the big oil companies would not cut their imports of crude unless force was applied.

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Plamondon

Many of the local men working at the camp beyond Imperial Mills are travelling by the newly-cut road through Plamondon. It saves them a distance of 40 miles going and returning from the camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Plamondon and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Paul Plamondon of Fort Smith visited at the homes of their parents and relatives for a few days.

The Elmore Plamondon home is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Arson Duperron, formerly of Breynat.

Sympathy of the district is extended to the Proux family in the recent loss of their wife and mother.

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MLA Fears Rural Municipalities Will Have To Pay Brunt Of Tax Plan Cost

(Edmonton Journal Staff Reporter)

Fear that rural municipalities may have to bear the brunt of costs under Alberta's new tax plan was expressed by the lone Liberal in the Legislature, Monday. Michael Maccagno (L.—Lac La Biche) started debate on Provincial Treasurer E. W. Hinman's budget speech.

"We in the country shudder when we hear that Edmonton and Calgary mayors are happy" . . . with tax redistribution. If they should benefit someone's going to lose."

One of his major complaints was that public utilities in the province feel they must have a guaranteed return of seven and one-half per cent.

He said utility companies are allowed to apply for a return as high as that under the public utilities commission but that this should not mean a guaranteed return of seven and one-half per cent as they seemed to think.

It is "high time" that Municipal Affairs Minister A. J. Hooke "took another look at these utilities," he said, especially in view of the fact that a large number of companies on the stock exchanges are realizing less than six per cent return.

Mr. Maccagno said the goverenment has talked a great deal about "hold the line finance" and that the utilities companies represented a place where "they can do their part".

He said he objected to the tax on pipe and power lines being passed on to consumers and was "shocked" at the "casual" acceptance of this by Mr. Hooke.

With "unprecedented unemployment," Mr. Maccagno said he expected "a dynamic departure from the normal routine of increased expenditure and increased taxes."

There were several alternatives to some expense items on the budget as outlined by Mr. Hinman, "at a time when moneyed interests are not prepared to make loans for capital expansion. Farmers must go as high as 22 per cent for machinery, unemployment insurance benefits are at the bottom of the barrel and outstanding taxes amount to 55 per cent around Edmonton," he said.

OIL SANDS

One of his principal suggestions was to exploit the possibilities of such things as the oil sands at McMurray and hydro electric power on the Athabasca River.

He felt that higher provincial spending on development through the Roads to Resources program would have benefitted the public more than many of the capital expenditure items outlined in the budget.

More consideration of "new uses for old products" such as coal and poplar, new markets and encouragement of foreign investment should have been given by the government before a two-cent gasoline tax and higher utility costs were imposed on the public, he said.

Sometime there must be a reduction in taxes . . . and a ceiling to government expenditure, he said.

"It's time we got away from borrowing money we can't afford to buy what we don't need to impress people we don't like."

FEE RAISE

He said the government is trying to encourage higher education and culture and questioned whether this could be done by raising tuition fees at the university.

He wondered if the budget had provided enough increase for education and said it must be considered in conjunction with unemployment "as seven out of 10 males out of work have less than a grade eight education."

In the line of education he said a more immediate need is for expansion in vocation training school programs.

Another more practical way of spending money in his own constituency, said Mr. Maccagno, would be to go ahead with a park that has been planned for 20 years.

Some $30,000 had been set aside for relief and more than half the people receiving it could have been given jobs on such projects, he said.

BETTER SPENT

The decrease of nearly $1,000,000 in the department of industry and development also disappointed Mr. Maccagno. "Money couldn't be better spent than in promoting the growth of industry."

He also was sorry to see the apparent calm with which the Social Credit government accepted a reduction in the federal provincial allotments from Ottawa.

"It seems strange that we will accept a $4,000,000 reduction while the richest province, Ontario, gets $18,000,000 more," he said.

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Bayview

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dowhanuik made a trip to Edmonton recently.

Roger Gauthier made a business trip to Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Kamelchuk of Lamont were visitors of the district.

In concluding his remarks the Lac la Biche Liberal said he was "not by a long shot" opposed to the entire budget but that he had criticized particularly the items he felt needed further study.

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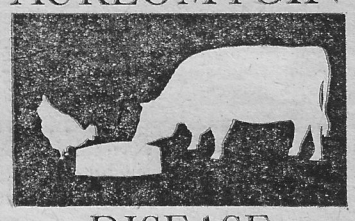
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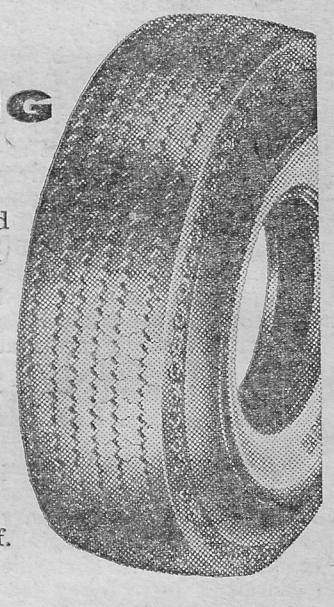
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WANTS PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Maccagno Questions Tax Scheme

New Policy Would Increase Bill By One-Third In Lac La Biche

Mike Maccagno (Lib.-Lac la Biche) last week challenged claims that the Alberta government's new school financing proposals would lower taxes and safeguard local autonomy. He called for a public hearing before the proposals are passed by the legislature.

Speaking in the throne speech debate in the legislature, he asked the government to delay its tax proposals until hearings could be held before the legislature's agriculture committee and "the bugs" removed from the plan.

The lone Liberal in the legislature said the provincial school levy of 32 mills, based on an equalized assessment, would increase the total tax bill by one third in Lac la Biche, of which he is mayor. He said that in effect the government is bringing a sales tax by the back door because the town mercants would have to raise their prices in order to meet the increased taxes.

ABOUT CONTROL

Maccagno said the wondered how much local automony will remain when the government makes the assessment, collects school taxes and strikes a millrate. He added that having done this the government might as well take the whole thing over.

Requests for revisions from property owners in his town have been flooding in, he said. The town last year levied 40 mills for schools but the new assessment, even at 32 mills, will mean an even higher tax bill.

Maccagno also said that in other Legislatures a good opposition is considered a right arm of the government but in Alberta, the four-man opposition is like a man operating with only one arm.

HOOKE REPLIES

Municipal Affairs Minister A. J. Hooke said municipal representatives endorsed his new deal for taxation and school financing "100 per cent in principle." The representatives met with department officials for a closer look at the government's proposals to levy a 32 mill school tax on all property, including municipal and government buildings.

Hooke stated after the meeting that Calgary's Mayor Harry Hays "expressed satisfaction" and Mayor Roper of Edmonton "expressed complete approval of the program."

Hooke said officials of his department would go to Calgary to assist Calgary with figures and other details.

South Hylo

Robert and Alex McDonald are home again. Alex plans to return to work shortly.

Joe Howse of Bristol, B.C., has been a visitor at the McDonalds' home.

Miss Elsie Delorme is working for Mrs. Andy Guinand.

Mrs. Van Dyke and family have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Tichonuk.

Neighbors Save Plamondon Home From Total Destruction By Fire

By Mrs. E. T. Piquette

PLAMONDON — Only by the quick response to the siren and by unselfish efforts of all obtainable men was the home of J. T. Plamondon saved from complete destruction at 2:00 a.m. Thursday morning of last week.

Awakened by smoke and a blazing wall around the chimney, Mr. Plamondon rushed over to the sireon. Mrs. Hartt took over the siren and sounded the alarm steadily for at least 10 minutes. About 15 men were at the fire at once. The blaze was well advanced by this time.

Many of the ladies were also there to lend a hand. The men climbed to the roof of the large two-story building with pumps and axes. The interior of the house was so filled with smoke it could not be entered and only a few belongings were car ried out into the street.

By this time the sparks were blowing 50 feet away with the terrific wind. David Plamondon, the telephone operator, then called every home for more help. It was thought at this time that the Trio Cafe next door would be in danger.

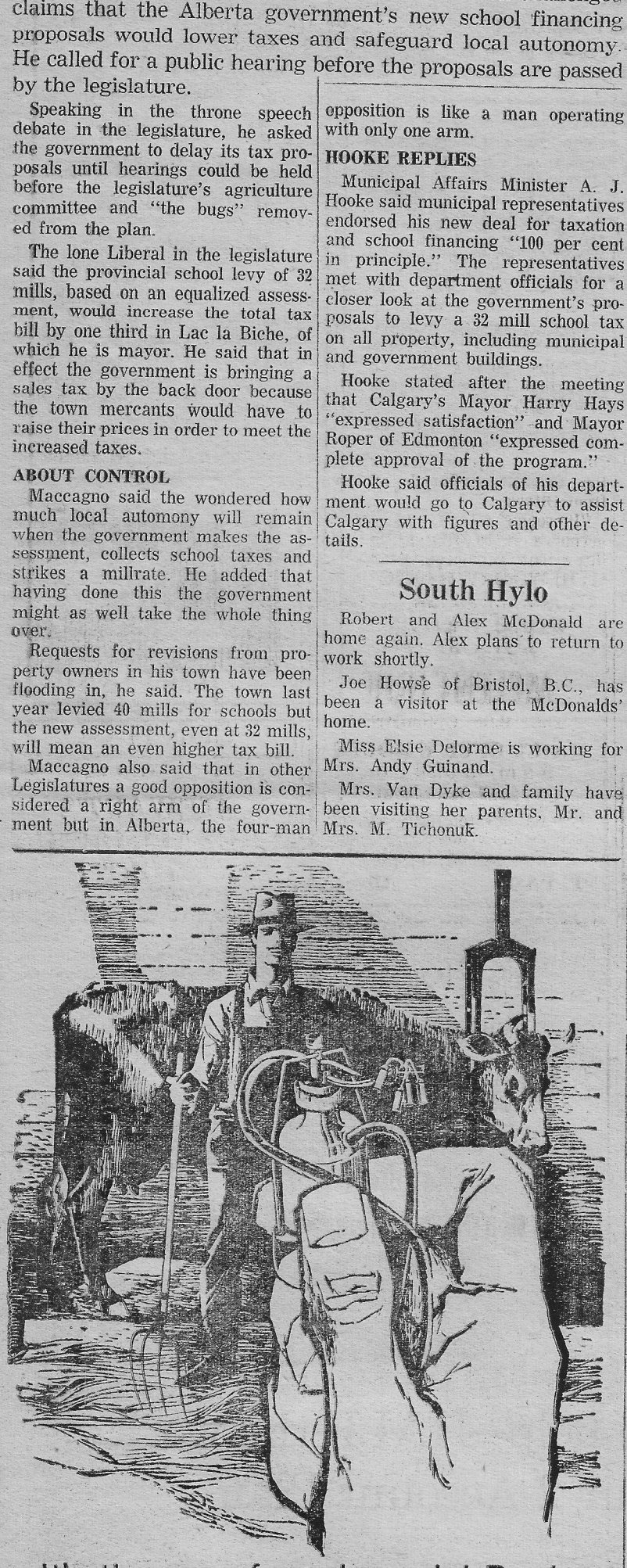
The men on the roof, the pump brigade and the bucket brigade worked zealously for over one hour before the could enter to get at the fire between the walls from the inside

The children of Edgar Belanger were carried to the neighbors by the ladies, in case the fire could not be controlled and the Trio then would have been in great danger.

Coffee and sandwiches were served to all the men and boys, after the all out signal was given, by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Belanger. J. T. Plamondon wishes to thank all those who worked so hard to save his home and belongings. Although damage from water and smoke and cutting the roof and walls was extensive, he was happy that his home was saved.

Mr. J. T. Plamondon is one of the early Pioneers of the Plamondon district.

An intelligent individual is interested in getting facts on all questions, even when they run counter to his, or her, own predilections.



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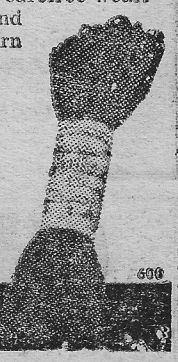

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Opposition MLA Criticizes Province's Education Plan

By BOB SHIELS, Calgary Herald

EDMONTON — Mike Maccagno (L—Lac la Biche) said the provincial government appears to be taking over the whole Alberta education system.

His was the first official comment from the opposition on the education tax plan outlined by the government during the past week.

Mr. Maccagno told the Legislature his constituents want to know how much the plan is going to cost them. He said a great many questions remain unanswered.

He proposed that the plan go before the Legislature's agriculture committee, where spokesmen from the municipalities, the Chamber of Commerce and industry could express their views.

When the industrial tax plan of 1960 went to the committee, he recalled, the government decided it was best to give it some further study.

"You are setting the standard, the assessment and tax rate and you say you are not interfering with autonomy," Mr. Maccagno told the government.

"You may as well take over the whole system."

The Liberal member was frequently heckled from the Social Credit side of the House as he listed questions which he said require answers.

"The people in Lac la Biche are very practical," h said. "They ask how much this is going to cost me out of my pocket."

He declared that Lac la Biche has been operating on a pay-as-you-go basis. All school buildings in this area of northeastern Alberta have been paid for.

"How do you equalize that?" Mr. Maccagno wanted to know.

He asked what will be the status of the area's mink farmers, whose buildings presumably are to be removed from the tax rolls but whose equipment now will go into the tax rolls.

"Is our own gas system to be taxed?" he demanded.

"Yes, sir," Premier Manning replied.

"Then you may as well leave us alone," Mr. Maccagno declared.

He said it is the responsibility of the government to provide extra help for the Board of Public Utility Commissioners so the board can protect the ratepayer.

SLY SALES TAX

The government may be introducing a form of sales tax "under the table," he suggested. If so, an "open" sales tax might be preferable.

Mr. Maccagno suggested that the standard which the province proposed to establish under its "foundation" education plan may not be the standard that Lac la Biche wants.

As he continued with his list of questions, Municipal Affairs Minister A. J. Hooke commented that "I told you that the other day" and again that "I thought you listened to me."

"The minister said there will be bugs," he said. "I say let's get rid of all the bugs possible before this comes in."

Mr. Maccagno commended the province for helping to fight a severe flood at Lac la Biche last year but argued that a new dam is needed to prevent similar floods in the future.

TOWN ANXIOUS

The lake has "calmed down," he said, but the town is anxious to know what the danger might be this year.

He said construction of a dam is necessary and should get serious consideration immediately.

Mr. Maccagno recalled that it was said Lac la Biche couldn't install its own gas system but that a municipal system was put into operation at a cost of $210,000 and it has proven to be an outstanding success.

The money was raised locally and the experience with rates has been such that Mr. Maccagno suggested it should provide a "yardstick" in determining rates everywhere in the province.

He recalled Mr. Hooke having said only three ratepayers turned out for the annual town meeting in Lac la Biche but declared that everyone in the town voted on the gas plebiscite.

PROOF OF CONFIDENCE

He maintained the fact that only three turned out for the town meeting indicated that the people have extreme confidence in their council.

He declared that the cost of police protection is becoming a heavy burden, asking to know how many municipal police are employed in places like Calgary and Edmonton compared with the number of RCMP officers the province has on its payroll.

"Law enforcement is mainly the responsibility of the provincial government," he said, "but most of the cost falls on the local governments."

Mr. Maccagno recalled that Ambrose Holowach (SC—Edmonton Centre) had said the Liberal and Conservative parties were alike and that both had failed.

"I will admit the Progressive Conservatives have failed miserably," he said. "I won't agree that the Liberal party can be classified in the same category."

He said there are things in which the Social Credit government has failed and the Social Crediters have no right to stand up and condemn everything the Liberal party has done.

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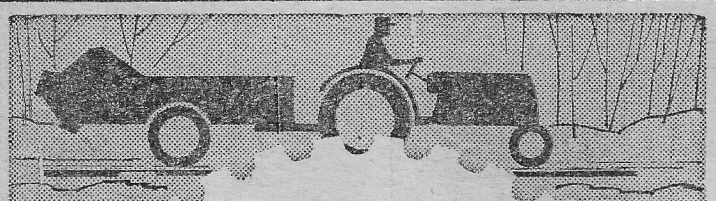

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IN THE LEGISLATURE:

Mike Calls 7½% Return "Too High"

Companies Must Prepare To Accept Lower Rate Of Return, Says Liberal

By Paul Tatarewicz, in the Calgary Albertan

Mike Maccagno (Lib - Lac la Biche) said in the Legislature Monday that 7½ per cent rate of return allowed utility companies is "too high" and added that the companies "must be prepared to accept a lower rate of return and play their part in holding the line" on costs. Maccagno made the comment in leading off the debate on Treasurer Hinman's $336 million dollar budget.

He implied that Hinman's answer seemed to be a two-cent hike in the gas tax, higher tuition fees for university students, and an industrial tax scheme which will be reflected in higher costs to the consumer. Maccagno said he could accept the increase in the telephone bill but objected "most strenuously" to having the industrial tax (particularly on pipe and power lines) charged to the consumer "without a second look at the whole picture."

Maccagno said one of the Social Credit cries was the need for more purchasing power in the hands of the consumer. He suggested to Hinman that this could be done by: building more roads to resources, extension of utilities, research to find new products and improve old products, opening new areas of production and development of power on the mighty Athabasca river. He also urged the encouragement of foreign investment.

He disagreed "most strenuously" with the 7½ per cent rate of return set by the provincial board of public utility commissioners because companies have accepted this as the minimum. He said this has come to mean a guaranteed rate of return and has provided little incentive for companies to economize.

Maccagno also said the expressions of satisfaction by the mayors of Edmonton and Calgary over the government's new school financing program has caused alarm and worry among residents of the smaller centres. He said there does not appear to be enough money in the government's school fund to go around. He said "if they (the cities) are going to benefit, somebody is going to lose."

Maccagno said after listening to Social Crediters discuss the ills of the country and what Ottawa should do about them, that he expected the Social Credit budget to be "some dynamic departure from the usual routine of spending more money and collecting more taxes." He said there is heavy unemployment, welfare institutions are taxed to capacity, farmers find it impossible to borrow money at reasonable interest rates for much needed machinery, and taxes are in arrears (65 per cent in one northern Alberta improvement district in 1959).

Gourin

Mr. and Mrs. John Bourassa are the proud parents of a baby girl, born at the hospital in Lac la Biche.

Louis Ulliac motored to Normandeau to visit his daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren for a few days.

Lawrence Ulliac of Edmonton was a recent business visitor to the district.

Miss Betty Maryer of Lac la Biche was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ulliac. She has now left for Dapp where she will be a bridesmaid at a wedding.

Mrs. Louis Ulliac, her daughter Marie Rose and her son Roland and Lucien were in Edmonton recently.

Spruce Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dong and son Wayne, formerly of Edmonton have moved to their living quarters in back of the Spruce Valley General Store which is now open for business.

Mrs. Joe Yurchak is a patient at the Athabasca Hospital.

The Grassland REA meeting in March was attended by a few local farmers.

Nick Zilinski was canvassing the district for contracts for telephone installations to be done by the Boyle Mutual Telephone Company.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pysyk Jr. were, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and John Pysyk Sr.

Guests over the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hominuik were, the former's sister, Mrs. Mary Henderson and son Donald of South Burnaby, B.C., his brother, Mike Hominuik of Thorhild and his father, William Hominuik of Opal.

The auction sale held on the Mike Kochon farm on March 4 was well attended. Mr. Prodeniuk was the auctioneer. Mr. Kochon has sold his farm to Peter Zuber.

A farewell party was held for the Kochon family on the eve of March 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Zuber. The honored couple were presented with an electric frying pan as a going away gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Kochon are now in Edmonton readying their new house before the children move in. The twin girls, Janie and Jo-Anne are staying at the Gizitski home. Orest is staying at the P. Zuber home and Irene with Mr. and Mrs. Zachkewich. The children are attending school at Grassland and will move into their home in Edmonton shortly.

Residents of the district wish Mr. and Mrs. Kochon luck and happiness in their new home.

Normandeau

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Durocher have returned from a holiday in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Turgeon and family, Mrs. Leoza Turgeon and Marcel were recent visitors in St. Lina.

Mrs. Alexander Magnier of St. Lina and Mrs. W. Bazinet of Edmonton visited the district.

Louis Ulliac of Gourin has been a visitor at the Charest home.

Mrs. Omer Lamoureux was a patient in St. Catherine's Hospital, Lac la Biche.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Turgeon and M. Richard recently visited Edmonton.

Laurent, Aurile, Marcel and Robert Turgeon and Lucien Charest were in Edmonton for the recent bingo game. Aurele Turgeon won an electric can opener as a consolation prize.

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Hospital Notes

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Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dakin, Atmore, a girl, March 4.

Discharged from hospital: Mrs. Theadore Oshanyk, Wandering River; Denis St. Jean, Plamondon; Mrs. Katyrina Stefanik, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Herbert Thompson, Briereville; Mrs. Harry Kramer, Boyle; Mrs. Felix Rizzoli, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Leo Cloutier, Lac la Biche Mission; Murray Thompson, Raymonde Patry, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Wilfred Dragon, Lea Plamondon, Plamondon; Mrs. George Michetti, Hylo; Mrs. Nick Zatorski, Grassland; Mrs. John Bourassa, Gourin; Albert Ferris, Mrs. Ben Chow, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Philias Plamondon, Breynat; Guillaume Desjarlais, Big Bay; Mrs. William Ballard, Atmore; Clifford Smith, Roger Piontek, Amesbury; Mrs. Michael Maccagno, Lac la Biche; Ulric Hebert, Plamondon; Mrs. Michael Grandinetti, Hylo.

Helina

Louise Suhan and Robert Onciul were in Edmonton for Varsity Guest Weekend.

Mrs. Chris Keldson has been a patient in St. Paul Hospital.

Recent guests at the Dave Onciul home were Rowland Jackson and Lloyd Robbins of Edmonton.

Dave Onciul Jr. won fourth prize in the raffle at the Vilna Ice Carnival, a pen and pencil set.

Maccagno Thanks Government For Help When Lake Flooded

Mike Maccagno, lone Liberal in the Alberta legislature representing Lac La Biche, thanked the government last week for coming to the community's aid when the lake overflowed and flooded roads and buildings in the area last summer. The lake rose to an all time high of four feet above normal.

He said that the lake level is down now, but that there has been an awful fall of snow in the north, and he wanted to know what action will be taken to prevent the big lake doing the same thing again.

In past years, he said, the lake fell so low the fish were dying and last year it was so high it flooded. Building a dam, combined with clearing the outlet river, would prevent either situation occurring again.

He said development of a provincial park on 640-acre Big Island is long overdue. The island is only half a mile from the shore and building of a causeway would give access to "miles of beaches, and excellent fishing," he said.

The need for development in his area has reached emergency proportions, he said. The area thought it was going to get the Pine Point railway but that has gone instead to Northwestern Alberta. There are vast reserves of oil in the McMurray oil sands "but we dare not develop them" because it would cause a glut on the market.

BEST LAKES

The area has 75 of the best lakes in the country, but no roads leading to them. "We are now entitled to a fair share of development," he said.

Mr. Maccagno said turning on Lac la Biche municipally-owned natural gas system last fall provides a competitive yardstick with which to compare rates of privately-owned systems.

He said it took two years of struggle to install the gas system, and that all manner of obstructions were raised. He said he was even accused of being a socialist.

He asked the government to pay more o fthe share of law enforcement in rural towns. Lac la Biche is a "Saturday night town," he said and enforcement of provincial liquor laws is a major expense.

The Liberal member commended Lands and Forests Minister Norman Willmore for forest protection measures and for development of the winter road which, for the first time, permits motor travel between McMurray and Edmonton. He asked for efforts to develop a forest industry in the area to use its vast reserves of pulpwood and timber.

Wandering River

Sympathy of the community is extended to the family of Mrs. Flore Herbert, who died recently.

Residents of the district extend sympathy to the Rene Proulx family on the recent death of Mrs. Rene Proulx. Yvonne Proulx, who is employed in St. Albert, and her sister Elsie of Fort Nelson, B.C., were home to attend their mother's funeral.

Paul Rebkowich and Billy Gordichuk made a business trip to Medicine Hat recently.

Rodger Piontel has returned to school after spending a week and a half in the hospital with an ear infection.

Wilfred Leblouc and family have returned to their farm from Drumheller, where they spent the past year.

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Municipal Nurse Is Discussed At Meet

PLAMONDON — The annual Nurses' Home meeting was held recently in the club room at the Pelican Hotel. Around 40 people attended. Arthur Dube was chairman.

Arthur Berard read the minutes of the last annual meeting and of the meetings held during the year.

Many letters were read and discussed regarding obtaining a municipal nurse for Plamondon. This brought up lengthy discussions and Mrs. E. T. Piquette placed before the meeting a panel of questions. She also explained the difference between health unit work and municipal nurse's as they have had for the past 25 years or more.

The financial reports were then read and discussed and the election of officers for the coming year took place. A vote of thanks was extended to Arthur Dube, who has been president of the Plamondon Nurses' Home Committee for the past 20 years, and to the secretary and resigning members of the last two years.

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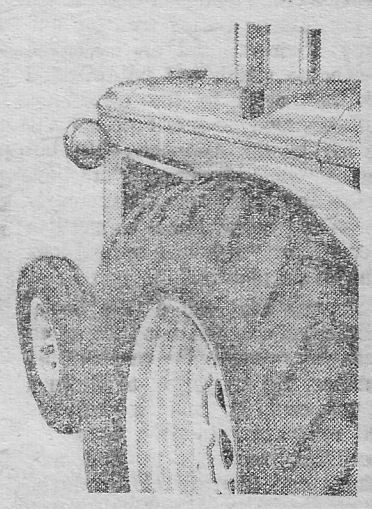

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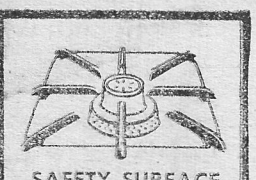

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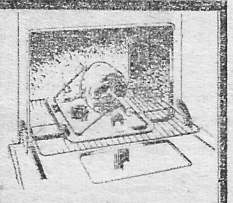

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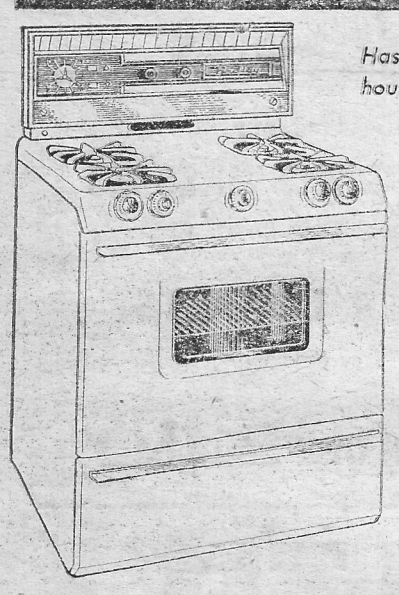

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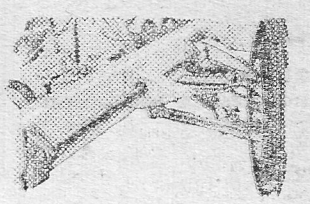

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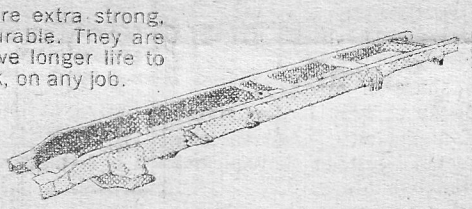

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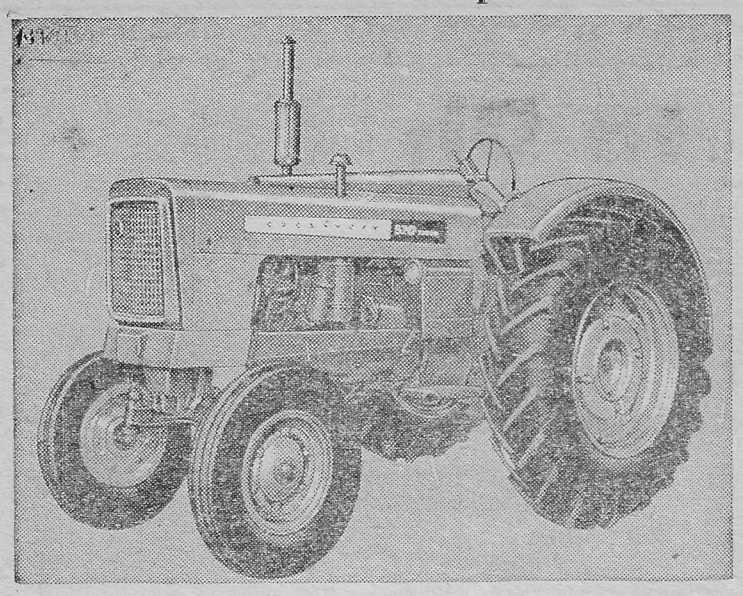

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D. Brooks Rink Wins Top Honors In Second Tarsand Bonspiel

McMURRAY — Dave Brooks and his rink walked off with top honors in the second annual tarsand bonspiel recently organized by the Waterways' and McMurray curling clubs. The Brooks rink defeated the rink skipped by Jack Anderson with Andy Gaudet third, Leo Gaudet second and Lenny Dowd lead.

The winning team with Jack Kreutzer third, Art Giroux second and Stan Pawelek lead was awarded the Jack Houston Trophy plus the prize consisting of a lot located near the Sny in McMurray and purchased by the Curling Association especially for this occasion.

The Abasand or second event was won by the K. Cochrane rink with Max Cochrane playing third, Grant Defoe second and Ray Peden lead. This rink downed the rink skipped by Terry Womachs. Jim Algar took the Bitumount event by defeating S. Kula from Anzac in a 13 end game.

The Waterways' Women's Community Club served coffee and lunch in the evening at the Waterways Community Hall at which occasion the prizes were presented. Commentary at the presentation of the prizes was by Mr. R. Duncan while President, K. Cochrane of the Waterways' Club and Vice-President, K. Hill of the McMurray Club handed out the prizes and congratulated the teams.

The Ken Driver rink received special mention since they played three games in succession against rinks skipped by respectively S. Brooks, R. Brooks and D. Brooks. As the Driver rink was finally downed by the D. Brooks rink the team was presentd with a specimen of a "brooks-trout" for their gallant play against the Brooks, who in Ken's words "kept coming back."

Art Giroux presented Mrs. R. Tolen with the thermos jug won by Mr. R. Tolen in a draw of tickets made by Mrs. L. Gaudet.

Sarrail

Miss Viola Shwetz is the proud owner of a pen and pencil set she won over CHED when they picked out her membership card.

Mrs. Tillie Shwetz was an Edmonton visitor recently.

Several residents attended the recent car bingo held at Edmonton.

Miss Elizabeth Duma recently spent the night at the home of her friend Carol Lystachion at Grassland.

Recently on the sick list were Miss Elizabeth Duma and Stanley Chamzuk.

Peter Marchak and Paul motored to Redwater recently.

Everybody stands for progress until it looks like it might cost money.

4-H Nimble Thimbles Welcome Economist

Grassland Nimble Thimbles 4H Club held a meeting with Mrs. McCutcheon as guest speaker.

The meeting opened at 7:15 p.m. with Gladys Dunice presiding.

After the business session a demonstration was given by Bonnie Semeniuk, Jean and Verna Jenkins, Gladys Dunice, Donna McKenzie, Antonia Teschuk and Irene Ryblicki on right and wrong ways of dressing. The girls came on two by two, one dressed the wrong way, the other correctly.

Mrs. McCutcheon talked to the girls and showed two interesting films, one on interfacings, which showed the methods of setting in sleeves and collar, making cuffs and facing armholes; the other on Figure Flattery, which showed how to choose an appropriate style for oneself.

The girls also discussed Achievement Day which will be held in May. Mrs. McCutcheon told the girls she may be able to visit the club before the event takes place. The group hopes to receive assistance with their plans for their Achievement Day program.

To conclude the evening the ladies and girls enjoyed lunch served by the girls.

Rich Lake

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lachowich, residents of this district for many years, have moved to Lac la Biche.

Mrs. Lena Johanson of New Westminster, B.C., former long-time resident of the Fork Lake district, passed away recently.

Mrs. Martha Sward is back home from Edmonton.

Weekend visitors at E. Tikkanen's home from the city were their daughter, Mrs. J. Koivuneva and daughter, and Leslie Rama.

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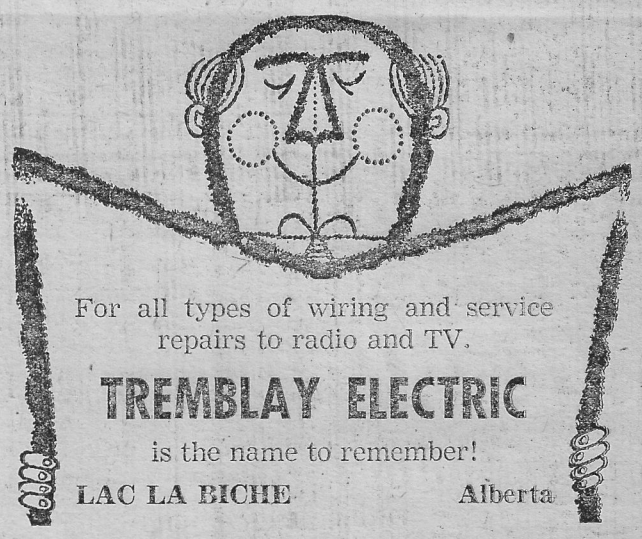

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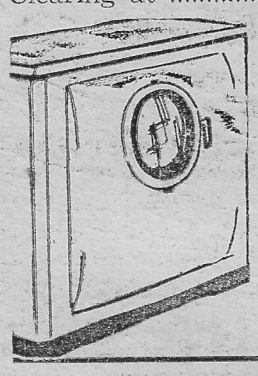

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WHETHER CARL HEVENOR, 22, has become weighted down with his responsibilities or tied down to his work, he found it hard to shake. The Waterloo University student from Springfield, Ontario, was locked up by his fellow students with ball and chain just before his marriage. They remembered the combination to the lock just in time to get him free from the 25-pounder for his wedding.

Edith Radomsky Wins First Prize In Bellis HSA Amateur Program

BELLIS — Edith Radomsky's solo won first prize in the junior section at the amateur night held by Bellis Home and School Association recently. The second prize went to Genevieve Huchulak, "My Happiness; 3rd, Betty Cherniwchan and Rita Popil, "My Bonnie Lassie;" 4th, Lorraine Taschuk, solo all of Bellis.

The program was opened by the president, Mrs. Dora Warwaruk, with "O Canada" sung by Sonia Taschuk, Audrey Bezuko, Gloria Semaka and Patsy Skoreyko.

In the senior group Vicky and Caroline Kully of Vilna won first prize for their numbers "Beyond the Sunset" and "Heavenly Eyes;" 2nd, Paul Toth, solo "My Papa;" 3rd, Sonia, Audrey, Cloria and Patsy sang.

The other items were: Linda Goruk, "Paper Roses;" Wally Chebuk, solo; Linda Goruk and Janet Rivers, "Like Strangers;" Betty Kowalawski, "Like Strangers;" Genevieve Huchulak, accordin solo; Andy Ropcean, accordin solo; Marvin Bordian, solo; Helen Warwaruk, solo; Nancy Falebrenza, "Try Me."

Gene Meronyk played the piano for most of the contestants. Margie Bezuke played for Betty Cherniwchan and Rita Popil. Kenny Taschuk played the guitar for Lorraine Taschuk.

The master of ceremonies was Nester Chmiler of Vilna. Judges were Jack Capowski of Edmonton, Joe Shubert, Mrs. Rose Chornaluk and Mrs. Fred Tannas, all of Bellis.

George Meronyk pleased the group with his demonstration on how to teach singing.

Johnny Olson Named Potato King At Toronto Royal Winter Fair

THORHILD — Thirteen-year-old Potato King for 1960, Johnny Olson of Abee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Olson, was a recent recipient of an additional award from the field crops branch in Edmonton for his entry at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair, where he won the first prize in early potato. The cheque amounting to $30 covered the first award and honorarium.

Johnny, a first year member of the Abee Potato Club, headed by Mrs. J. Duggan and assisted by Mrs. S. Cardy, raised the prize winning early Warba at his home garden measuring 85x85 ft. The plot was summerfallowed the previous year and potatoes were planted 24 inches apart in rows spaced 30 inches. Weeds were kept down by frequent use of a garden power tiller during the summer, which amounted to five or six times throughout the growing season. The plot yielded 32 bags of potatoes. The sample containing 30 potatoes was taken to the Royal Fair by F. Boulton of Abee.

Announcement of his winning the first prize came in a letter from the department of agriculture, which read, "Congratulations to you for winning first prize at the Royal Winter Fair in early potato. This is an outstanding achievement and one which you will cherish for many years. You have set an example to other 4-H members in the province and we hope that both they and you have profited from your accomplishment." The letter was signed by V. T. Jansen, associate supervisor 4-H Clubs.

Besides gardening, Johnny and his younger sister Audrey take an active part in music and, both playing violins, have appeared on stage in school concerts. Both attend school in Thorhild.

JOHNNY OLSON

Pibroch Dancer Takes Top Honors In ACT-CFRN Show

A tap dancer from Pibroch took top honors at the ACT-CFRN Search for Talent Show held at Westlock Saturday. Another capacity audience attended which according to officials of the Associated Canadian Travellers is a weekly occurance.

More than one thousand dollars in gross returns was realized to put Westlock in second position in single show gross returns for the season. St. Paul leads the way with more than eleven hundred gross from a single show. Double feature shows at Lac la Biche and Drayton Valley have exceeded the Westlock and St. Paul totals.

Twenty contestants took part and sixteen others were declined entry as the maximum had been reached. Most of those deprived of the opportunity to perform at Westlock are planning to register at the Thorhild Show scheduled for March 18.

First place winner of the Weber Bros. award was Diane Williams of Pibroch with a tap dancing number. Second place went to Ted Lipiec of Nestow, with a vocal and instrumental solo, and third place winner was Rose Ziec of Dapp, with a vocal solo.

Harold McDonald of Edmonton was the adjudicator and William Ball was ACT team captain. Mrs. John Gagne of Linaria won the program prize and Thelma Jordan of Westlock won the Bulova watch.

The show was under the direction of Jack Benbow with Irv Shore, CFRN's early morning man as master of ceremonies. Supplementing the performance of the twenty contestants was Spotlight Parade, a variety show which was enthusiastically received by the capacity audience.

Miss Williams will represent Westlock and district at the Eastern Regional semi-finals to be held at Vegreville April 15. If successful at Vegreville she will participate in the finals scheduled for Leduc School Auditorium on April 29.

A. Leonty Rink Wins Myrnam Hotel Trophy

MYRNAM — Twelve rinks, representing lodges from Marwayne, Mannville, Derwent, Vegreville, and Myrnam, took part in a one-day invitational BPOE bonspiel held recently. Playing under the point-scoring system, and each game consisting of six ends, each rink was assured of three draws.

A local rink, skipped by Alex Leonty and supported by Joe Sosnowski, Mike Kaluzniak, and Peter Gadowsky, captured the New Myrnam Hotel Trophy. This is the first time that the trophy was won locally.

Between draws, the visitors enjoyed volleyball games arranged by Roger McMillan, exalted ruler of the Myrnam Lodge, and played in the Elks Hall.

A banquet in the evening concluded this annual affair.

Mundare Girls Defeat Lamont

MUNDARE — Recently the Mundare High girls defeated the Lamont High girls 20-16 in a basketball league game here. The Mundare High boys were defeated 57-27 by the Lamont High boys.

Meanwhile, the two junior high teams travelled to Andrew for two basketball league games there. A bit of humor was mixed with a Mundare boys victory when an Andrew boy scored in his own net to make the score 25-24 in favor of Mundare.

The Mundare Junior girls lost their game to Andrew 25-20. This was the first defeat for the Mundare Junior girls in nearly two years.

BETRAYED!

A jealous wife gave her husband a careful inspection every evening. The slightest hair found on his coat would lead to violent arguments. One night, finding nothing at all; she burst into tears and exclaimed, "Now you're going out with bald headed women."

Emile Rocque Scout Leader

REDWATER — The following new Cubs were welcomed to the first Redwater Pack: Wayne Pray, Edward Morin, Douglas Lonsdale, Denis Tychkowsky, Kenny Korpesio, Leslie Veitch, Allen Libby, Rene Prefontaine, Wayne Smith, John McConnell and Russel Rodgers. A new leader, Emile Rocque, was also welcomed to the Cub Pack.

Thanks are extended by the Pack to Jim Kimura for his help as assistant Cub leader. Mr. Kimura has been transferred.

Gary Jones, Randy Brothen and Myron Myroan were invested into the Scout Troop. Akeha presented them with Leaping Wolf badges. Religion and life awards were presented to Bernie Hoffner and Bob Hoffner.

The Cubs and Scouts will hold a bean supper on March 22 at the Derek Hall at 6:00 p.m. sharp. Admission will be 50 cents for adults. Proceeds will go to the Scout Jamboree fund.

Barn Set On Fire By Blazing Cat

The fire that destroyed John Malysh's barn near Hamlin was believed to have been caused by a cat.

The animal ran into a fire used to heat pig feed. The cat caught fire and rushed into the hay loft, setting fire to the hay.

Prompt action of the fire brigade saved the home of Alec Kuchner. Fire was beginning in the attic, when it was noticed. The brigade was summoned and the smouldering fire extinguished. Considerable damage was done.

In a fire that destroyed Stan Dumka's barn last week a few cows and a number of pigs were lost as it was impossible to save them.

We have often observed that the people who have nothing much to do are usually very impatient.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

By HELEN HEWSON
(Parent Education Associates)

"HOW can we help our little boy who is not quite five to overcome his intense fear of being hurt? He has always been a lively child, entirely free of fear or even caution.

"In fact his indifference to danger has sometimes worried us. Suddenly, for no apparent reason, he becomes almost hysterical when he bumps or scrapes himself and is no longer comforted by soothing words and a bandaid.

"We are really quite concerned. Should we sympathize, or will that only prolong this behaviour? Or should we be firm and try to put an end to this unreasoning fear?

Putting an end to unreasoning fear is not easy. We cannot force a child to abandon his fears. They may only be driven more deeply to be released in apparently unrelated behaviour such as bed-wetting, stammering, nail-biting, etc.

Certain fears seem to develop at certain age levels; for instance, the very young child may fear loud noises, animals the dark, separation from parents. A fear of bodily harm is quite common with 4 to 5-year-olds.

The fearful child needs practical help and assurance. A light in the dark hall, a gradual acquaintance with lively animals, kind and considerate care when daddy and mother go out.

This little boy who is suddenly afraid of injury is not a fearful and timid child who has been overprotected. He has been enjoying his play but is now terrified of bumps and bruises.

Fear is not entirely a bad thing; out of it come caution and prudence. As the child grows, many experiences, many thoughts will give rise to fears that will seem foolish to adults.

Atmore

John Smar has returned to his home in Grimshaw after visiting in the district for some time.

Garry Schlegel, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schlegel received medical treatment at Lac la Biche Hospital recently.

Friends gathered at the home of Mrs. S. Karpetz recently to help celebrate her birthday.

Recent visitors to Lac la Biche include Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kostiuk, Mrs. Victor Genoud, Joseph Duigon, Miss Sharron Johnson, Mrs. Ronald Matheson, Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell, William Duigon and Sandy Karpetz.

A number of district residents attended the French festival held in Plamondon on Feb. 26.

Mr. Gregonir of Lac la Biche will show weekly films in the Community Hall. The movies will be held every Friday evening commencing at 8:00 p.m. and will replace those formerly shown by the Atmore Community League. The first film was shown March 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dakin are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter on March 4.

A number of friends gathered at the home of Rodney Karpetz to help celebrate his eighth birthday.

Many district residents attended the birthday party held in honor of Victor Duperron of Gourin.

The Farm Electric crew have left the district for work in a new location.

Miss Nellie Fischer of Charron has been holidaying with her sister, Mrs. Rodney Baldwin.

Goose Lake

Lynda Bergheim of Edmonton was a recent visitor in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Roadder and girls of Edmonton visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tillapaugh.

John and Jack Bergheim are home after terminating their employment at Slave Lake.

Several men have been clearing brush on the west side of Rocky Island Lake where a campsite is to be built.

Curling News

ATMORE—The curling rink skipped by Mrs. Lloyd Dakin won first prize in the recent women's open bonspiel held in Grassland. Miss Patricia Heatherington, another district resident, was one of the players on the winning rink.

Other women curlers from the district are Mrs. Ronald Matheson and Mrs. Sandy Karpetz, both of whom played on prize winning rinks in the bonspiel.

THE QUESTION BOX

How Can I destroy roots in drain under house?—M.B.

Put about two pounds of bluestone in outside breather pipe or in cellar drain last thing at night so that bluestone is not washed away too soon. It should not be used in cast iron or metal pipe, but is all right in tile pipe. Use caution when handling bluestone at it is Poisonous.

What has happened to Dick Kesner who used to play the violin on the Lawrence Welk show?—Curious.

He left to do concert work, but later joined the Freddy Martin band.

In Court Judgment for desertion and non-support, wife stated she had received no money during period of two years. Husband has proof that sum was paid her at this time. What is penalty for perjury in Ontario?—L.W.M.

Not more than 14 years in this case.

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Second Ditto — He said: "Mother, I'm ashamed to learn you have been so long in finding this out".

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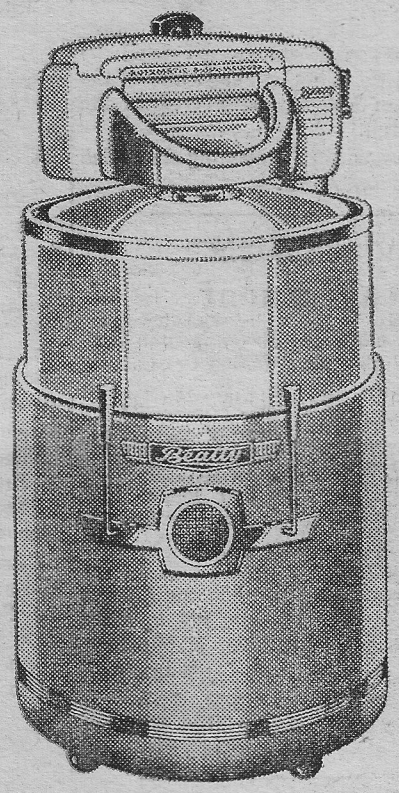

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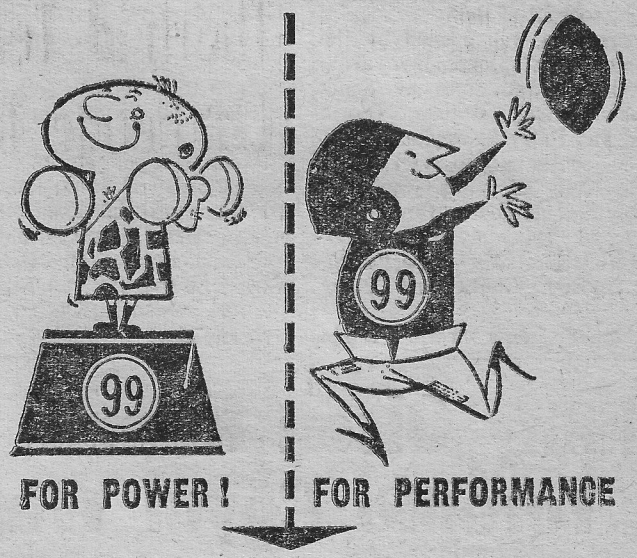

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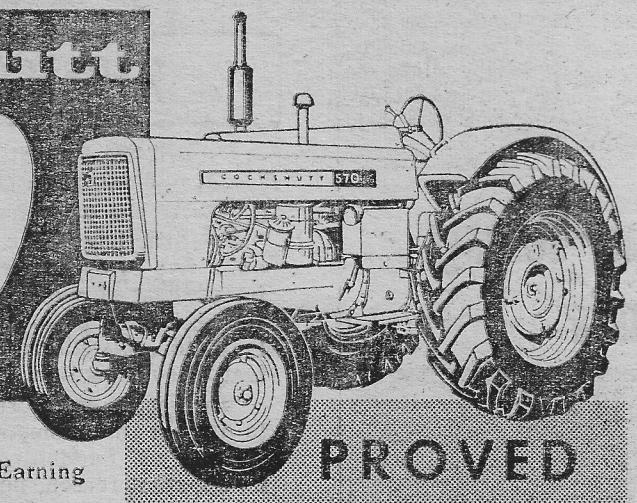

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M. Selesky Crowned Queen Of Hearts

Bus Safety Duty Of Entire Public, Home And School Association Told

THORHILD — Some 90 persons attended the regular meeting of the Thorhild Home and School Association held recently in the High School.

Highlighting the meeting were a film and lecture on "school bus operation by Inspector K. C. Parton of the highway traffic board. Inspector Parton pointed out that school buses in Alberta are covering 135,000 miles per day, and that it is the duty of everyone concerned to see that safety is practised at all times. "If the vehicle is not safe, it can be taken off the road by the highway traffice board and kept off until it is made safe", said the inspector. School buses must stop 15 feet from the railway crossing and must not cross until safe to do so.

Maxiumum speed, whether loaded or unloaded, is 40 miles per hour. Only holders of class A drivers licence are permitted to drive school buses. A class A licence is not valid unless accompanied by a yellow card representing that a medical examination has been obtained within a year.

Discipline of children on bases must be maintained similar to that of classroom. Unruly children must be reported to the school authorities and parents. It is the responsibility of parents to see that their children are up early enough, so that the driver will not have to wait; and that they receive proper instruction from the home in regard to obeying all school bus rules, including cooperation with the driver in keeping the bus neat and clean.

Highways users must not pass the bus either from the rear or from the front when lights are flashing on a two-lane road. Inspector Parton concluded his lecture by showing a film on safety entitled" Knowing is not enough".

Also at this meeting plans were completed for the regional Home and School Association conference and the sponsoring of the Search for Talent program scheduled to be held in the Thorhild High School Auditorium on Saturday, March 18. Penny collection was awarded to Mrs. Yacey's Grade eight class.

Thorhild Trucks Transport Tower From Stony Mtn.

THORHILD—Three Thorhild trucks transported 2,085 ft. of tower from Stony Mountain to Thorhild. The three trucks belonging to Thorhild Motors Ltd. completed the hauling of some 70 tons of war surplus equipment when they completed their third and final trip last weekend. The tower was purchased by Superior Communication System Ltd. from the RCAF Station, as war surplus equipment.

Driving the three trucks over the rugged winter trail were Tony Mahdiuk, Andrew Kolodiazny, Barton Webster and Joe Hickle. Accompanying the trucks in a panel were: manager of the Superior Communication Systems Ltd., Edward Polanski; George Tomnuk, manager of Thorhild Motors Ltd.; and Steve Zukiwsky.

The three trucks carried a supply of gasoline in 45 gal. drums, all the necessary tools including a welter and a winch. Two of the three trips from McMurray to Thorhild, were made in around 24 hours.

MIKE PRYMA

Funeral Service For Mike Pryma

Mike Pryma of Radway passed away in an Edmonton hospital Jan. 29, after an illness of a few months, at the age of 45 years.

He grew up on a farm two miles south of Radway and after being married to Miss Martha Kunelius in 1942 continued to live there until 1949, at which time they moved into Radway where he operated a trucking service and continued his farming operations.

Mike was well liked by all in the community of Radway as well as in the village.

He is survived by his wife Martha

Funeral service was conducted at St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Edmonton. Rev. Fr. V. Tarnowsky was the celebrant and interment took place in St. Michael's cemetery.

Thorhild High School Hockey Team Captures Kondro Trophy At Carnival

Climaxing the Thorhild Queen of Hearts Carnival, was the midnight ceremony when Miss Marion Selesky, a High School student, was crowned Thorhild's Queen of Hearts for 1961.

Crowning was performed before a capacity crowd by last year's queen Miss Mildred Chizen.

The carnival sponsored by the Thorhild Students' Union, featured hockey games among the four county schools with Thorhild High School team capturing the Kondro trophy in the final game against Redwater, in a score four to three. The trophy, donated by Harold Kondro an employee on staff of the county office, was won last year by Redwater and was up for competition this year. Following the most exciting game of the day between the two teams who battled in competition for the coveted prize, the trophy was personally presented by Mr. Kondro to the winning team.

Marion Selesky

In Junior High school hockey game between Newbrook and Thorhild the score was tied at five each. Alex Donevan scored three goals for Newbrook, placing him in the lead inscoring points for that school. Scoring for Thorhild were: Jim Kovalenko, three, Dennis Goresky one and Mervin Ewaskow one.

The second game of the day was played by Redwater and Radway High School teams with Redwater winning in a score four to one.

In the final game between Redwater and Thorhild, Redwater led in the first period when Stanley Dmytruk and Russel Kofluk each scored a goal. Jim Wolansky, assisted by Eugene Wosik, scored the first goal for Thorhild in the second period. In the third period Thorhild exploded with three goals to capture the tournament. Scoring was done by Eugene Wosik, assisted by Jim Wolansky and Brian MacGregor followed by another scribe by Brian MacGregor; the fourth score was by Eugene Chipniuk. The third goal for Redwater was scored by Russel Kofluk.

Following the hockey tournament and the presentation of the Kondro trophy to the Thorhild team, the crowd moved to the community hall to dance to the music of the Rocky Ramblers. Raffle prizes; transistor radio was won by Steve Balanecki of Hamlin; steam iron, by Mrs. Homik of Radway; and Mrs. Andrievich of Calmar won the nine-piece carver steak set.

The four other contestants were: Sharon Martel, Claudette Kondro, Lillian Chomay, and Arlene McMillan. Runner up to the was Lillian Chomay.

The students' union reported that this event was also a financial success.

Delf Rink, Woking, Wins First Event

The ATA held its first curling bonspiel in Spirit River, with 15 rinks entered. This was organized by the teachers in the Spirit River division and it is hoped it will be an annual event.

Rinks were from Wanham, Eaglesham, Wokin, Rycroft and Spirit River. Winners were: first event, Delf's rink of Woking second, White rink of Spirit River; second event, H. McKenna; second, C. Herrick rink from Woking.

Thorhild Teachers Win Grand Challenge In Employees' 'Spiel

THORHILD — The grand challenge trophy in the fifth annual Thorhild county employees' bonspiel, held recently at Redwater, was captured by the Thorhild teachers' rink skipped by M. Senych, principal of Thorhild School.

Sixteen county employee rinks were competing in the point system, on the basis of one point for every end scored, and two points for each win. The Senych rink scored 21 points out of the possible 30, defeating the school committee rink seven-six; Audry Hrynchuk 12-two; and A. Konasiewich, eight-five. Curling on the Senych rink were John Hawrelko third, Jack Onyschuk second and Myron Buryn lead.

The other prize winners were: second, County Shop, skipped by Joe Tomusiak; third, Redwater teachers, J. Nowicki; fourth, School Committee, P. Chaba; fifth, Radway School bus drivers, W. Hnatiuk; sixth, office staff, P. Woloschuk; seventh, carpenters, F. Simon; eigth, Redwater teachers, A. Konasiewich. Consolation prize was awarded to Newbrook teachers, skipped by M. Shelenko.

First prize trophy was supplied by the Capital Supplies Ltd. Edmonton; second, donated by the Imperial Esso agents in the county; third, supplied by A. Konasiewich; fourth, supplied by the Richardson Equipment.

Concert Planned By Scouts And Cubs

KITSCOTY — The Scout Group committee is presenting a public concert on Friday, March 10, in the High School Auditorium. This will begin at 8 p.m. and will consist of two plays by the Group Committee, one play by the Scouts, one play by the Cubs and also some musical selections.

Everyone is welcome and it is hoped there will be good crowd to support this work of the group committee and the Scouts and Cubs.

Irene Felewych Crowned Queen Of Vilna Carnival

VILNA — Irene Felewych was crowned Queen at the annual carnival sponsored by the Vilna Students' Union. She was escorted by Mr. Rudiak, the school principal, and was crowned by last year's queen, Judy Russ.

Unsuccessful candidates were Shirley Tchir, Irene Chmilar, Rose Dary.

The crown bearer was David Semaka and robe bearer was Veronica Pidluzny.

Following the crowning ceremony a dance was held.

As the weather was unfavorable the ice items were cancelled.

Redwater Lose Basketball Games

REDWATER — A league basketball game was held in Westlock on Feb. 24 with Redwater and Westlock participating. The Westlock senior girls downed the Redwater seniors by a score of 32 to 6.

The Redwater boys played a good game but lost with the close score of 43 to 40 to the Westlock senior boys.

Two Candidates Contest Seat

VERMILION — Josephen Ahlgreen and D. E. Wilson have been nominated for Councillor for Division 3, municipal district of Vermilion River. Election will be held on March 18.

MAN AND THE UNKNOWN

By Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine Ambassador to the U.S. and former President of the United Nations

SOME SAY that religion was born out of man's fear of the unknown. As man ventures deeper into the Ocean of the Unknown, it was supposed that fear would leave his heart, that he would discard religion as a useless shield.

Man has indeed grown proud of his conquest of the earth's mysteries. Yet the nameless fear in his heart remains. The man whose forefathers ages ago trembled at the sound of the thunderclap now trembles in fear of the hydrogen bomb. The man whose forebears fought against the beasts of the jungle and labored to make the earth a more hospitable home for the race, has learned the secret of exterminating his own kind and making the earth a place unfit for life.

Romulo

MAN HAS traveled full circle; he is back where he first started. The fear of the Unknown that first sparked religion in his heart will again inflame man's deep need to know that his sole destiny rests in the God Who created him.

Man will fly to the moon, to the planets, and someday perhaps even to the stars. But however far he will rocket into space, he will hear the voice of the Lord God: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth...?"

AS MAN TRIES to explore the outer spaces of the world, he will be driven more deeply into himself. Wherever man goes, the only traveling companions he can have are his own conscience and his soul.

Man can invent machines that defy the gravity which imprisoned him on the earth. But there is nothing man can devise that enables him to run away from himself or from his fellow-man.

MAN CAN survive the dread emptiness and silence of outer space. He can never survive the emptiness of his own soul. No man can endure the moment when an impenetrable wall of silence stands between him and his neighbor, when he can no longer speak the language of faith, hope, and love.

Whatever the wonders that science may open to him, man's first duty will still be to learn to live with himself and with his fellows — or die.

WE ARE TOLD that scientists are on the verge of discovering the ultimate mystery of life itself. Even this knowledge, new as the morning, cannot unearth the seed of true wisdom that God planted in the hearts of men — the truth that all men are brothers, and children of the same God. Man will prosper only as long as he recognizes his immortal soul and lives by the truths of his heart — love and honor, compassion and sacrifice.

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THE Homemaker

By BERTHA M. McCUTCHEON

During these long winter evenings when T. V. Commericals drive you away from the screen with no regrets, get pencil and paper and take inventory. A list of your household belongings with price and purchase date will serve you well if you need to collect on insured losses from fire, theft or disaster. And if you have not already done so, start keeping a record of quantities or materials you use in jobs around the house - rolls of wallpaper, or quarts of paint for specific areas,

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square footage for various floor coverings; window measurements for shades, curtains and blinds; amount of upholstery materials for chair coverings, etc. These records will save you the chore of re-measurement and re-estimate when the jobs need to be re-done.

Make another list for your purse of sizes for each member of the family. For father include shirt size both neck and sleeve length, trouser's waist and leg length, hat or cap size, sock and glove sizes and underwear chest measurements. Do the same for the boys.

For mother and the girls list under each name—shoe and stocking sizes, both length and width, underwear sizes, bra and girdle sizes, and of course dress and glove sizes.

Throughout the winter months your exposure to airborn claims for drugs that will "Cure! coughs, colds, irregularity, obesity, skin blemishes, nutritional deficiences and other maladies will be intensified. It will be beneficial to both your health and your purse if you keep these facts in mind:

DIET FORMULAS: in the long run, the use of a low-calorie, balance diet combined with regular exercise is safer, and superior to any special formula diet.

SKIN CLEANSERS: soap and water in moderation will take care of normal cleansing needs.

SKIN-TRANNING PREPARATIONS: go easy with any product which claims to tan the skin without sunlight.

VITAMINS: aside from children who need a daily supplement of vitamin D, only a small number of people need vitamin products as supplements to their diet, and those who do should take them under a doctor's direction.

Most commercially grown orchids take five or more years to grow from seed.

Plamondon Families Tour Lac la Biche

PLAMONDON — Taking advantage of the mild sunny weather on a recent Sunday, four families, including a three-week-old infant, made the circle tour of Lac la Biche over the new road from Plamondon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alcide Plamondon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Plamondon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oral Dube and family, including a three-week-old baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Alec Plamondon and family left Plamondon to win the honor of being the first family groups to make the circle around Lac la Biche.

They encountered no difficulty whatsoever, although one car travelled with smooth tires. Leaving Plamondon the four cars and trucks travelled to the junction of the McMurray highway. There they halted and enjoyed a wiener roast and hot coffee, returning by way of Owl River and Lac la Biche.

They entertained themselves by visiting the Lac la Biche curling rink and watching the Knights of Columbus game. They afterwards returned home happy that they had made the trip and found it interesting and not at all difficult. The group is more determined than ever to get together and work for an all-year-round road around Lac la Biche.

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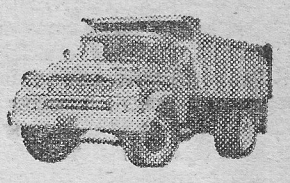

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